



**Port Community Information Bulletin # 25-02**  
Marine Safety Office (813) 228-2189  
Tampa, Florida

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## **30 DAY VESSEL INSPECTION NOTIFICATION**

In light of the Coast Guard's increased Port Security mission, Marine Safety Office Tampa is now requiring the full 30-day notification required by 46 Code of Federal Regulations. Requests for vessel related inspections must be made to the Prevention Department at MSO Tampa no later than 30 days prior to the vessel's requested inspection date. We encourage all owner/operators to make every effort to schedule and complete all inspections required by regulation as early as possible within the allotted inspection windows.

**Certificate of Inspection:** A written request for initial or renewal of the Certificate of Inspection (COI) is required on Coast Guard form CG-3752, Application for Inspection (attached). This request must be made at least 30 days before the expiration of the vessel's current COI. This written request must be acknowledged and scheduled by Prevention Department personnel for an inspection to take place. Verbal confirmation of the date, time, and location must be obtained from the Prevention Department. The written notification noted above will not solely ensure that an inspection has been arranged or confirmed.

**Annual/Reinspection, Quarterly, and/or Drydock Inspections:** A written request is not required for these inspections; however, the above procedure for scheduling and confirming an inspection no later than 30 days prior to the requested date will apply to these inspections. All Shipyard and boatyard operators are requested to notify perspective customers of this required 30 day notification for Coast Guard inspected vessels requiring credit hull examinations or any related work required by regulation. While it is ultimately the responsibility of the vessel owner/operator to schedule the inspection with the Coast Guard, we highly recommend that the yard and owner/operator both agree on a drydock date satisfactory with a scheduled Coast Guard marine inspection visit.

**Deficiency Checks:** MSO Tampa's Prevention Department will, upon being notified by the owner/operator that an outstanding deficiency has been complied with, schedule a follow-up inspection on a case-by-case basis. It is the responsibility of the owner/operator to ensure that the deficiency date is complied with and the Prevention Department notified by mail or fax that the vessel is ready for an inspection to clear the deficiency.

For vessels in the Tampa zone, please call the Prevention Department vessel scheduler at (813) 228-2195, extension 131 or 142, to answer your questions or to schedule an exam. Fax number: (813) 228-2399. For vessels in the Fort Myers zone, please call the Marine Safety Detachment at (239) 985-0560.

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